

among tone colors designated by the tone color data other than the prescribed tone color and is assigned to the performance operator.

16. A musical tone signal generation apparatus according to claim 5 further comprising:

a loader for loading the performance data into the storage from an external; and  
an assignment activator for automatically activating the tone color assignor to proceed to assignment of the tone colors to the plurality of performance operators.

17. A musical tone signal generation apparatus according to claim 2 further comprising an informer to inform the user of issuance of a tone-generation instruction being issued by the performance operator in response to a manual operation.

18. A musical tone signal generation apparatus according to claim 3 further comprising an informer to inform the user of issuance of a tone-generation instruction being issued by the performance operator in response to a manual operation.

19. A musical tone signal generation apparatus according to claim 15 further comprising an informer to inform the user of issuance of a tone-generation instruction being issued by the performance operator in response to a manual operation.

20. A musical tone signal generation apparatus according to claim 4 further comprising an informer to inform the user of issuance of a tone-generation instruction being issued by the performance operator in response to a manual operation.

21. A musical tone signal generation apparatus according to claim 5 further comprising an informer to inform the user of issuance of a tone-generation instruction being issued by the performance operator in response to a manual operation.

22. A musical tone signal generation apparatus according to claim 6 further comprising an informer to inform the user of issuance of a tone-generation instruction being issued by the performance operator in response to a manual operation.